

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-013-00**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS, ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION PROCEDURES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING AND OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Review Commission of the City of Leander, Texas (the “City”) studied and reviewed the City Charter and made recommendations for the amendment of the City Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to submit to the voters the charter amendments set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it appropriate to substitute the words “Yes” and “No” on the ballot for “For” and “Against” because the City Charter provides for the use of the words “Yes” and “No” to indicate voter intent for Charter amendment measures; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Leander lies within the boundaries of Williamson and Travis Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Leander, Texas (hereinafter the "City") approves and agrees to conducting the election jointly with other political subdivisions in Williamson and Travis Counties in accordance with *Tex. Elec. Code, Chapter 271*; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is making provision to contract with the Williamson County Elections Administrator to conduct the City's election for Williamson County voters residing in the City and the Travis County Elections Administrator to conduct the election for Travis County voters residing in the City, pursuant to *Chapter 31, Tex. Elec. Code*, and *Chapter 791, Tex. Gov't Code* (the “Election Services Contracts”);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS:**

**Section 1. Special Election Ordered.** A special election is ordered to be held in the City on May 7, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the city propositions on whether the Charter of the City of Leander should be amended. The proposed amendments affect only the Articles and sections listed and submitted for amendment in Section 2 to read as set forth in Section 2 (with proposed new language being underlined, bolded, and italicized and language proposed to be removed is struck through).

**Section 2. Ballot and Proposition Language.** The official ballots for said special election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote “YES” or “NO” as to the proposition, with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings, language, and formatting as required by law, and with such proposition to be expressed in a form substantially as follows. The proposition is followed by the proposed amendment to the City Charter that would go into effect after approval of the proposition by a majority of the qualified voters voting in the special election and canvass of the special election by the City Council; provided that the proposed amendment language will not appear on the ballot.

**CITY OF LEANDER PROPOSITION C**  
**Term Limits**

Shall Section 3.03 be added to the City Charter to establish the following term limits: (a) three three-year terms for mayor; (b) three three-year terms for council positions other than mayor; and (c) a combination of three three-year terms for council and three three-year terms for mayor, regardless of the order served; unless the person has been out of office for at least one full term?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**Section 3.03. Term Limits.**

***(a) Except as provided in subsection (c)***

***(1) No person shall be elected to the office of mayor for more than three consecutive terms;***

***(2) No person shall be elected to the city council in a position other than mayor for more than three consecutive terms; and***

***(3) No person shall be elected to a combination of more than three terms as mayor and more than three terms for a council position other than mayor that occur consecutively, regardless of order.***

***(b) For the purposes of this section only, “consecutive” or “consecutively” means terms that occur one after the other without the period of time described in subsection (c) passing between terms. Partially served terms count as a full term if the person was elected to the position. Terms of positions filled by appointment do not count towards term limits.***

***(c) After reaching term limits, a person can file for office no earlier than the filing period for the election that occurs after the person has been out of office for one full term.***

***(d) Term limits are effective for positions elected in the May 2022 general election and subsequent elections. Terms of office for positions elected before the May 2022 general election do not count towards term limits.***



**CITY OF LEANDER PROPOSITION D**  
**Resign to Run**

Shall Section 3.04 of the City Charter be amended to change the current provision that requires automatic resignation from Council any time that a council member announces candidacy for another office, to require automatic resignation only if there is more than one year and 30 days left on the council member's term at the time of the announcement?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**Section 3.04. Vacancies In Office.**

(a) The office of mayor and councilmember shall become vacant upon the incumbent in that office announcing as a candidate for any other elective office *at any time when the unexpired term of the office then held exceeds one year and thirty days*, or the death, resignation, or removal from office of the incumbent. If a vacancy occurs for an unexpired term of twelve months or less and there are no other places on the council that have been filled by appointment at the time the vacancy occurs, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the city council after holding a public hearing, notice of which is given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the city and posted on the city's website at least fourteen days before the public hearing. The person appointed to fill the vacancy serves until the earlier to occur of: (1) the appointee vacating the place; (2) the next regular election; or (3) the next special election to fill one or more vacancies on council. In the event that one or more places become vacant when there exists on the council a place filled by appointment, the place filled by appointment shall become vacant, and a special election shall be ordered to fill the vacancies in accordance with Section 3.04(b).

**CITY OF LEANDER PROPOSITION E**  
**Term of Office**

Shall Section 5.12 of the City Charter be amended to provide that the City Council members elected by majority vote take office on the Tuesday following the canvass of the election and do not wait for a run-off election to be concluded to take office, and that a Council member elected by majority vote in a run-off election takes office on the first Tuesday following the canvass of the run-off election?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**Section 5.12. Term of Office.**

The mayor and each councilmember shall serve until his or her successor is elected or appointed and qualified to serve. The regular term of office of the mayor and the councilmembers shall commence on the first Tuesday following the canvass of the election at which they receive a

majority vote, ~~;~~ provided that, if a run-off election is required for any office in that election all members of the council elected in that election shall take office on the later of the twenty-fourth (24th) day after the general election or the day on which the votes for the run-off election are canvassed. ***A member of the council elected by majority vote in a run-off election shall take office on the first Tuesday following the day on which the votes for the run-off election are canvassed.*** The term of a mayor or councilmember elected at a special election shall commence on the first Tuesday after the canvass of votes for the election at which they receive a majority of the votes cast for the office.

## **CITY OF LEANDER PROPOSITION F**

### **City Manager**

Shall Section 7.01 of the City Charter be amended to provide a procedure for suspension and removal of the City Manager, which includes notice of the reason for suspension and removal and an opportunity for a hearing, that occurs after the City Council asks the City Manager to resign and the City Manager declines to resign?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

#### **Section 7.01. City Manager.**

**(a)** The council shall appoint and may remove the city manager, ***subject to the procedure set forth in subsection (b) below,*** upon the affirmative vote of four members of the council, and shall supervise the city manager by majority vote. The city manager shall be chosen and compensated solely on the basis of his or her experience, education, training, ability and performance, and need not when appointed be a resident of the City; provided that, during his or her tenure of office the city manager shall reside within the City. The city manager may be bonded at city expense as determined by the council, and may require a bond be provided at city expense by any other employee. No member of the council shall, during the term of office for which he or she is elected or for one (1) year thereafter, be appointed city manager.

**(b)** ***In the event the council requests the city manager resign and the city manager declines to resign, the council may suspend the city manager by resolution approved by affirmative vote of four members of the council. Such resolution shall set forth the reasons for suspension and proposed removal. A copy of such resolution shall be served immediately upon the city manager. The city manager shall have fifteen days in which to reply thereto in writing, and upon request, shall be afforded a hearing, which shall occur not earlier than ten days nor later than fifteen days after such hearing is requested. After the hearing, if one is requested, and after full consideration, the council by affirmative vote of four members of the council may adopt a final resolution of removal. The city manager shall continue to receive full compensation until the effective date of a final resolution of removal.***

**(c)** The city manager shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the city and shall be responsible to the council for the proper administration of all the affairs and business of the city. The city manager shall be required to:



**CITY OF LEANDER PROPOSITION G**  
**Department Director Appointments**

Shall Sections 7.04 and 10.07 of the City Charter be amended to remove the requirement that the City Manager's appointment of department directors be approved by the City Council?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**Section 7.04. Department Directors.**

At the head of each department there shall be a director who shall be appointed by the city manager ~~*with the approval of the council*~~. Department heads may be removed by the city manager without council approval. Such directors shall supervise and control their respective departments, may serve as the head of any division within their department, and may, with the city manager's approval, appoint and remove all employees of their respective department. More than one department may be headed by the same person, the city manager may head one (1) or more such departments, and a provision in this charter for the appointment of a department head does not require the department to be created or maintained.

**Section 10.07. Planning and Development Departments.**

The city council may create by ordinance such department or departments as necessary to provide technical and administrative support in the areas of planning, growth management and land development, or assign such duties to any other department or officer of the city. The director(s) of such department(s) shall be appointed by the city manager ~~*with the approval of the council*~~.

**CITY OF LEANDER PROPOSITION H**  
**Police Department Employee Evaluations**

Shall Section 7.06 of the City Charter be amended to provide that, instead of police department employee evaluations being reviewed, modified, and revised by the City Manager and submitted to the City Council for review, evaluations shall instead be subject to review only by the City Manager?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**Section 7.06. Police Department.**

There shall be a police department to preserve order and protect the residents and property. The chief of police shall be responsible for the administration of the police department and shall annually evaluate the department and all its employees. ~~*All such evaluations shall be submitted to the city manager who shall review, modify and revise and submit the same to the council for its review.*~~ *All such evaluations and actions shall be subject to review by the city manager.*

**CITY OF LEANDER PROPOSITION I**  
**Fire Department Employee Evaluations**

Shall Section 7.07 of the City Charter be amended to remove language that fire department evaluations are subject to modification by the City Manager?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**Section 7.07. Fire Department.**

The council may establish a city fire department consisting of a fire chief and/or other salaried personnel. The fire chief shall be responsible for the management and administration of the fire department, including all contracts, functions, equipment and property. The fire chief shall supervise and annually evaluate the department and all its employees. All such evaluations and actions shall be subject to review and modification by the city manager.

A volunteer fire department is authorized. The authority of and relationship between the volunteer fire department and the city shall, subject to the above paragraph, be established by contract or ordinance. The chief and/or president of the volunteer fire department will participate with the city's fire chief and/or the city manager in the annual evaluation of the relationship and any contract between the volunteer fire department and the city. The working relationship between the volunteer fire department and the city shall be coordinated by the city's fire chief and/or the city manager with approval of the council.

**CITY OF LEANDER PROPOSITION J**  
**Mayor Pro Tem Appointment**

Shall Section 4.02 of the City Charter be amended to clarify that the appointment of the Mayor Pro Tem occurs at the first regular meeting following the canvass of the general election and any runoff election associated with that general election?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**Section 4.02. Mayor Pro Tem.**

At its first regular meeting after the canvass of the general election and any runoff election associated with the general election, or a vacancy in the office of Mayor Pro Tem, the council shall elect one of its members to be mayor pro-tem for a one (1) year term, or to fill the unexpired term resulting from the vacancy. Nominations for mayor pro tem shall require a second and the mayor pro tem shall be the councilmember who receives a majority of the votes cast but not less



than four votes. In the absence of the mayor, the mayor pro tem shall perform the duties of the office of the mayor and in such capacity shall be vested with all powers conferred on such office. In the event of the failure, inability, or refusal of the mayor to act in respect to any matter or duty, the mayor pro tem shall act. In the event the office of mayor becomes vacant, the mayor pro-tem shall serve as mayor until an election is held to elect a mayor to serve the unexpired term.

### **CITY OF LEANDER PROPOSITION K**

#### **Planning Commission Appointments**

Shall Sections 4.03 and 10.04 of the City Charter be amended to provide that each council member appoints a member to the planning commission without requiring a majority vote of council or a recommendation from the board selection committee, except that if the council position that appoints a planning commission position is vacant, the appointment shall be made by majority vote of council?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

#### **Section 10.04. Planning Commission.**

There shall be a seven (7) member planning commission. The members must be qualified voters that have resided within the city for one year next preceding their appointment. A minimum of two-thirds of the members shall be citizens not directly or indirectly connected with real estate and land development. The members shall be appointed to staggered terms of office in a manner to result in the terms of office that expire in October of any year being equal to the number of members of the city council scheduled to be elected in that year. *The members of the council elected at a general election and any associated runoff election shall each be entitled to appoint one person to a place on the commission, when the term of office for that position expires following the general election. All nominees shall be subject to council approval by majority vote, and the* *The* term of the commissioners shall be the same number of years as that of the members of the council. The planning commission shall elect a chairperson from among its membership and shall meet not less than once each month. Vacancies in an unexpired term shall be filled by the *appointing* council *place* for the remainder of the term. *If the council position that appoints a commission place is vacant at the time of a required appointment, the commission place shall be filled by majority vote of council.*

#### **Section 4.03. The City Council.**

(f) Provide for boards and commissions required in this charter and as deemed necessary by the council, and appoint all such boards and commissions after receiving a recommendation from the board selection committee, *except for planning commission members, who shall be appointed in accordance with section 10.04.*

**CITY OF LEANDER PROPOSITION L**  
**Selection of Auditor**

Shall Section 8.13 of the City Charter be amended to change the maximum period of time the City may contract with the independent auditor from three consecutive years to five consecutive years?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**Section 8.13. Independent Audit.**

(c) The council shall not select the same auditor for more than five (5) ~~three (3)~~ consecutive years and the auditor selected shall not be, or have been within the immediate preceding five (5) ~~three (3)~~ years, a business associate of the certified public accountant or firm that performed the audit prior to such selection.” [sic]

**CITY OF LEANDER PROPOSITION M**  
**Mayoral Duties**

Shall Section 4.01 of the City Charter be amended to remove the following duties from the office of Mayor: (a) recommendation of appointees for boards and commissions; (b) submission of a recommended budget to council; and (c) taking command of the police in time of a declared emergency?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**Section 4.01. Mayor.**

The mayor shall serve as the ceremonial head of the city government, preside at all meetings of the council and provide the leadership necessary to ensure good government. He or she shall work closely with the council to obtain legislation in the public interest and with the city manager to ensure that the same is enforced, and participate in the discussion and vote on all legislative and other matters coming before the council. The mayor shall have signatory authority for all legal contracts and commitments of the city; sign all ordinances and resolutions; ~~recommend appointees for the boards and commissions;~~ work and coordinate with the city manager and the council; ~~submit his or her recommended budget to the council;~~ review and make recommendations on all proposed budget amendments; approve agendas for council meetings; and, in time of declared emergency, may ~~take command of the police and~~ govern the city by proclamation, maintain order and enforce all laws. The mayor shall have such additional powers as are granted to the office by this charter, state law, or ordinance.



**CITY OF LEANDER PROPOSITION N**  
**Public Records**

Shall Section 13.06 of the City Charter be amended to remove the requirement that all applications for public records be stamped with a city seal and a copy of the application be provided to the applicant?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**Section 13.06. Public Records.**

All public records of every office, department, or agency of the City shall be open to inspection by the public at all reasonable times, provided that records closed to the public by State law shall not be considered public records for the purpose of this section. During normal office hours, any person shall have the right to examine any such public records belonging to the City and shall have the right to make copies thereof under such reasonable rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the City Council or by this Charter. ~~*All written applications for public records shall be stamped with a city seal and a copy of the application shall be provided to the applicant.*~~

**CITY OF LEANDER PROPOSITION O**  
**Charter Review Commission Term**

Shall Section 13.08 of the City Charter be amended to remove the provision that states that the Charter Review Commission serves a six-month term?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**Section 13.08. Charter Review.**

The council may at any time appoint a charter review commission, consisting of seven (7) qualified voters of the city. The council shall appoint a charter review commission not less often than every fifth year. ~~*The term of each charter review commission shall be six (6) months and such commission*~~ *The charter review commission* shall review, hold hearings upon, and make recommendations for the amendment, if any, of this charter. Any resulting charter elections shall be noticed and held in compliance with state law; provided that the council may call the election for any permitted election date, or the earlier to occur of the date of the next general state or general city election.

**Section 3. Printed Materials.** The official ballots, together with such other election materials as are required by the *Texas Election Code*, as amended, shall be printed in both the English and Spanish languages and shall contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law.

**Section 4. Notice of Election.** Notice of the election shall be given in the manner as provided in the *Texas Election Code*, *Chapter 9, Texas Local Government Code*, and the *City Charter*. The notice of election shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the governing body at City Hall and at other locations required by state law not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the election, and by publishing said notice of election at least twice on the same day in each of two successive weeks in English and Spanish in a newspaper of general circulation, with the first such publication occurring before the fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) day before the date of the election and not earlier than thirty (30) days nor later than ten (10) days prior to said election. The Williamson County Elections Administrator and the Travis County Elections Administrator are authorized and shall give all notices for their respective jurisdictions required for the election.

**Section 5. Conduct of Election.** The Williamson County Elections Administrator and his/her employees and appointees, and the election judges, alternate judges and clerks properly appointed for the election, shall hold and conduct the election for that part of the City located in Williamson County pursuant to the Election Services Contract between the City of Leander and Williamson County. The Travis County Elections Administrator and his/her employees and appointees, and the election judges, alternate judges and clerks properly appointed for the election, shall hold and conduct the election for that part of the City located in Travis County pursuant to the Election Services Contract between the City of Leander and Travis County. The election shall be held and conducted in compliance with the City Charter, state law, and the respective Election Services Contracts.

**Section 6. Joint Election.** The City agrees to conduct a joint election with other political subdivisions within Williamson County and within Travis County, provided that such political subdivisions hold an election on May 7, 2022, in all or part of the same territory as the City (the "Political Subdivisions"). The joint election for Political Subdivisions will be conducted in accordance with state law, this ordinance, and the respective Election Services Contracts.

**Section 7. Election Precincts and Election Day Polling Places.**

- (a) The election precincts for the election shall be the election precincts established by Williamson County for the territorial boundaries of the City located in Williamson County, and the election precincts established for Travis County the territorial boundaries of the City located in Travis County, provided that each shall contain and include geographic area that is within the City.
- (b) The polling place for each election precinct located in Williamson County shall be the polling place established by Williamson County. The polling place for each election precinct located in Travis County shall be the polling place established by Travis County. The returns will be provided by precinct and the Williamson County Elections Administrator shall tabulate and provide the election returns for votes cast by Williamson County voters. The returns will be provided by precinct and the Travis County Elections Administrator shall tabulate and provide the election returns for votes cast by Travis County voters.

**Section 8. Early Voting.**

- (a) Early voting shall commence on Monday, April 25, 2022, and continue through Tuesday, May 3, 2022 and early voting polls shall remain open for the time specified by the *Texas Election Code* and the respective Elections Administrator.



- (b) The period to apply for a ballot by mail is January 1, 2022 through April 26, 2022. An application for ballot by mail (ABBM) must be received by the Early Voting Clerk no later than the close of business on April 26, 2022.
- (c) The period to apply for a federal postcard application (FPCA) is January 1, 2022 through April 26, 2022. An FPCA must be received by the Early Voting Clerk no later than the close of business on April 26, 2022.
- (d) Early Voting Conducted by the Williamson County Elections Administrator:
- 1) Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail will be conducted by the Williamson County Elections Administrator in accordance with the *Texas Election Code* for the qualified voters of the City residing in Williamson County. Christopher J. Davis is hereby designated and appointed as an Early Voting Clerk for the special election for qualified voters of the City residing in Williamson County.
  - 2) Applications for ballot by mail for qualified voters of the City residing in Williamson County shall be mailed to:  
Christopher J. Davis  
Williamson County Elections Administrator  
Williamson County Elections Department  
Mailing Address:  
PO Box 209  
Georgetown, TX 78627  
Physical Address:  
Williamson County Inner Loop Annex  
Elections Department  
301 SE Inner Loop Ste 104  
Georgetown, TX 78626  
Telephone Number: (512) 943-1630  
Email Address: [cjdavis@wilco.org](mailto:cjdavis@wilco.org)  
Website: <https://www.wilco.org/Departments/Elections>
- 3) The main early voting location for qualified voters of the City residing in Williamson County is: Leander Public Library, 1101 S. Bagdad Rd., Leander, Texas 78641.
- 4) Early voting for qualified voters of the City residing in Williamson County shall be held at the dates, times, and location authorized by the Williamson County Elections Administrator. Any early voting polling place may be added or changed by the Administrator upon compliance with applicable law.
- (e) Early Voting Conducted by the Travis County Elections Administrator:
- 1) Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail will be conducted by the Travis County Elections Administrator in accordance with the *Texas Election Code* for the qualified voters of the City residing in Travis County. Rebecca Guerrero, Interim County Clerk, is hereby designated and appointed as an Early Voting Clerk for the special election for qualified voters of the City residing in Travis County.
  - 2) Applications for ballot by mail for qualified voters of the City residing in Travis County shall be mailed to:  
By mail:  
Rebecca Guerrero, Interim County Clerk  
Travis County Early Voting Clerk

PO Box 149325  
Austin, Texas 78714-9325  
By Contract Carriers/ Fedex:  
Elections Division  
Travis County Clerk  
5501 Airport Blvd.  
Austin, Texas 78751  
Telephone: (512) 238-VOTE  
Email: [elections@traviscountytexas.gov](mailto:elections@traviscountytexas.gov)  
Website: <https://countyclerk.traviscountytexas.gov/departments/elections/>

- 3) The main early voting location for qualified voters of the City residing in Travis County is: Christ Episcopal Church, 3520 W Whitestone Blvd, Cedar Park, TX 78613.
- 4) Early voting for qualified voters of the City residing in Travis County shall be held at the dates, times, and location authorized by the Travis County Elections Administrator. Any early voting polling place may be added or changed by the Administrator upon compliance with applicable law.

**Section 9. Election Judges and Clerks.** The presiding judges, alternate presiding judges and clerks for the election shall be selected and appointed by Williamson County and Travis County, respectively, in compliance with the requirements of state law, and are hereby designated and appointed election officers for the holding of said election and such appointments are approved. The presiding judges, alternate presiding judges and clerks shall perform the functions and duties of their respective positions that are provided by state law.

**Section 10. City Secretary Assistance.** The City Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to aide the Williamson and Travis County Elections Administrators in the acquisition and furnishing of all election supplies and materials necessary to conduct the election. The City Secretary is further authorized to assist with the giving of notices required for the election, and to take such other and further action as is required to conduct the election in compliance with the *Texas Election Code* and *Chapter 9, Texas Local Government Code*; provided that, pursuant to the Election Services Contracts between the City and the Travis and Williamson County Elections Administrators, the Travis and Williamson County Elections Administrators shall have the duty and be responsible for organizing and conducting the election in compliance with the *Texas Election Code*; and for providing all services specified to be provided in the Election Services Contracts.

**Section 11. Necessary Actions.** The Mayor and the City Secretary of the City, in consultation with the City's Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein, including but not limited to making changes or additions to polling places, ballot language, or procedures to the extent required or desirable or as may become necessary due to circumstances arising after the date of this Ordinance. The City Manager is further authorized to give notice of the election as provided in Section 451.607, Texas Election Code.



**Section 12. General.** The general election shall be held and conducted by the Williamson and Travis County Elections Administrators in compliance with the *Tex. Elec. Code, Chapter 9, Texas Local Government Code*, and, to the extent not inconsistent therewith, the *City Charter*, and only resident qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote at the election. The Election Officers are hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary election supplies, materials, and equipment to conduct said election. Returns of the election shall be made known as soon as possible after the closing of the polls; and the election returns shall be canvassed by the City Council not earlier than May 10, 2022 nor later than May 18, 2022.

**Section 13. Authorization to Execute.** The Mayor is authorized to execute and the City Secretary is authorized to attest this Ordinance on behalf of the Council; and the Mayor is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election.


**Section 14. Effective Date; Election Code; Preamble.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage on the date shown below; provided that if any term or provision of this Ordinance conflicts with, or is inconsistent with, the Texas Elections Code, the Texas Election Code shall govern and control and the Williamson County Elections Administrator and the Travis County Elections Administrator shall comply with the Texas Elections Code. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes as part of the findings of Council.

**Section 15. Severability.** If any provision, section of this ordinance or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.


**Section 16. Open Meetings.** It is officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required *Chapt. 551, Tex. Gov't. Code*.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** on this the 7th day of February, 2022.

**CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS**

  
Christine DeLisle, Mayor

Attest:

  
Dara Crabtree, City Secretary

